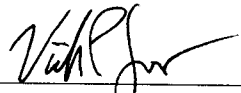


## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 14-17, 26, 27, and 32-37 such that claims 1-13, 18-25, 28-31 are currently pending. These amendments are not made for any reason related to patentability, but are instead made solely to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(b)(1).

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